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## HARRIMAN LINES MAY DISPOSE OF PACIFIC BOATS

### Mercantile Marine Will Take Over Their Operation, Is the Report

### Extension of Service by Way of Panama Canal Would Be Result

### Plan Will Avoid Restrictions Probable for All Railroad Controlled Ships

THAT important developments are impending, affecting the Pacific Mail Steamship company, was the impression left here by the visit of Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the board of the Harriman railroads and steamship properties. It was reported that negotiations had been under way with the International Mercantile Marine company, known as the ship trust, by which the big corporation would take over the operation of the Pacific Mail liners.

The plan, it was stated, contemplated a service through the canal to the Atlantic ports. With an agreement with the Pacific Mail, the International Mercantile Marine could handle the service and thus avoid a clash with the restrictions which the government may impose upon railroad controlled steamship lines.

### Mail Contract Figures

It is even said that this new alliance may bid on the government ocean to ocean mail contract, upon which Bernard N. Baker had figured. Now that Baker is out of the running, the existing lines are left free to form such compacts as would enable them best to handle the business.

It is understood that the Mercantile Marine, which operates the White Star boats, is anxious to put on a service between here and New York by way of the canal. P. A. S. Franklin, vice president of the International Mercantile Marine, was recently in San Francisco and at that time admitted that he was looking closely into the local situation, with an eye upon the canal. Franklin is now in New York. When asked if his company did not intend to bid on the government mail contract, he asked to be excused from denying or confirming the report.

Advices from New York last night said that the International Mercantile Marine had plans for a service to San Francisco, either through an agreement with Bates & Chesebrough or through the operation of the Pacific Mail boats.

### Lovett Is Silent

Judge Lovett declined yesterday to throw any light on the situation. He spent the day in conference with officials of the Southern Pacific and conferred with R. P. Schwerin of the Pacific Mail. He departed last evening for Los Angeles. From there he will go east over the Salt Lake line.

The entire situation is somewhat complicated for the present by reason of the changes in the local steamship situation. Bates & Chesebrough have announced their withdrawal from the New Orleans business and the American-Hawaiian company had followed it with a declaration that it will immediately go after the New Orleans and Mississippi trade, taking up the service which Bates & Chesebrough are discharging.

Before his departure last evening, Judge Lovett had under consideration the affairs of the Pacific Fruit express. This is an organization under the control of the Southern Pacific, with headquarters in Chicago. Their headquarters will be moved to San Francisco. General Manager Sechrist will arrive here early in December.

## TWENTY CHINESE JAILED FOR SMUGGLING PLOT

### \$1,500 Paid for Each Man Brought Over Line

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—One of the largest Chinese smuggling plots unearthed by federal officers in years was revealed today when "Crappy" Nelson was arraigned before United States Commissioner Poote charged with bringing Chinamen into this country from Canada. Twenty men charged with being implicated in the plot are arrested in Chicago, New York and Detroit, where the band made its headquarters, according to a government agent who has been working on the case.

Special Agent Danneberg, who made the arrest, was assisted in trailing the alleged smugglers by his wife, a bride of a few months. He says the band brought most of the Chinamen to this country by way of Windsor and Toronto, Can., by breaking the government's seal on freight cars a few miles from the border, putting the men in the cars and then sealing the doors again in such a manner that detection was avoided.

According to Special Agent Danneberg, members of the band received \$1,500 for delivering a Chinaman from China either to Chicago or New York, and that \$200 was the amount charged for bringing a Chinaman from Canada to this country.

## Candy "Kid" Cuts Harvard Career of Son of Mrs. Lehr

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Love of John W. Dahlgren, 19 years old son of Mrs. Harry Lehr, Newport society matron, for a brown eyed candy girl has cut short his career in Harvard university. He is in Fordham college, away from the alluring maid of the confectionery shop, where his relatives will keep a sharp eye on him.

The owner of the candy shop called on John P. Nolan, Harvard's famous tutor, to say that Dahlgren's persistent wooing upset discipline in the establishment and that it interfered with trade to have one of the candy girls constantly being courted.

Dahlgren was peremptorily taken out of Harvard a week ago and whisked to this city by his grandmother, Mrs. Drexel. At Fordham studying hard, Dahlgren says: "I certainly did love that candy kid."

## WHISKY RING ON LOGAN UNEARTHED

### Seven Employes in Steward's Department of Army Trans- port Are Discharged

Another wholesale dismissal of transport employes was made yesterday by the United States army officials, following the investigation which was ordered from Washington because of the exposure of graft conditions aboard the army ships made by The Call several months ago.

Seven men employed in the steward's department of the transport Logan, all alleged to be connected with the organized ring of whisky smugglers and gamblers, were dropped from the government service.

This dismissal follows close on the heels of the recent discharge of eight of the crew on the transport Sheridan, and according to army officers detailed on the investigation, it is only one of many other shakeups soon to take place. In fact, it is said that the investigation on the Logan has not yet been completed, and more discharges can be looked for any day.

That the federal government has been thoroughly aroused is seen by the manner in which the army officers are conducting the investigation. The cleansing of the service of graft was but just recently ordered by the war department, and already the "rings" on two ships have been broken up and 15 men discharged. This, according to a captain quartermaster, is all due to the fact that The Call exposed the whisky and gambling ring.

The men discharged from the Logan are charged with selling liquor to soldiers on the high seas, operating gambling games and selling government stores in the form of pies and cakes. It is the custom of the men engaged in this traffic to all operate together, and the moneys derived through these methods is all put into one pot and divided at the end of the voyage.

The whisky is taken aboard the ship on the outward voyage from this port and concealed aboard the ship until the return passage, as no liquor can be procured at Manila. It is then placed in the hands of the different members of the gang and sold to the soldiers for as high as \$5 a bottle.

While this wholesale selling of liquor is going on other members of the crew are conducting gambling games below deck. The pies and cakes are sold to the troopers by the mess boys and it is said a large sum is made in this manner.

## WELCOME AT ROME FOR CARDINALS DESIGNATE

### Farley and Falconio Received by Merry del Val

ROME, Nov. 23.—Cardinals designate John M. Farley and Diomedes Falconio arrived here today. Many ecclesiastics had assembled at the station before dawn, but the train containing the two American archbishops was late.

The ecclesiastics present knelt and kissed the rings of the new cardinals designate. Greetings were then presented to the two cardinals designate by Monsignor Thomas F. Kennedy, rector of the American college in Rome.

Monsignor Farley was received by Cardinal Merry del Val, to whom he spoke in acknowledgment of what he called the "most courteous, generous and noble recognition of America" in the selection of new cardinals. During the usual papal audience Cardinal Merry del Val communicated to the pope the arrivals of the two cardinals designate and informed him of the cordial reception that had been accorded to them. The pope was pleased and said he was looking forward to receiving them soon.

## JOHN D. DENIES HE'S PIRATE OF THE MINE MAIN

### Rockefeller Issues Statement That Merritt Kin Absolved Him of All Blame

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—John D. Rockefeller, in a statement given out tonight, repudiated the charges made by Merritt brothers before the Stanley steel investigating committee regarding the methods used by Rockefeller in securing control of the Missabe ore mines and the Duluth, Missabe and Northern railroad, pointing out that these charges were denied under oath as long ago as 1895 in litigation over the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines.

Rockefeller submits the text of a paper dated January 22, 1897, to which are attached the names of Alfred and Leonidas Merritt and "all the other members of the family," declaring themselves satisfied that neither Rockefeller nor his agents committed fraud or made misrepresentation in the matter in question.

Rockefeller then sets forth what he says are the "facts in regard to the loans," to which the Merritts testified, and denies that the loans in question were "ever called by him."

### Statement by Rockefeller

The statement, which was issued tonight from 25 Broadway, follows: In the matter of the evidence of the Merritt brothers before the Stanley committee in Washington, D. C., reflecting upon John D. Rockefeller, in connection with some ore and railroad properties on the Missabe range, Mr. Rockefeller authorizes the following statement:

"Referring to the testimony of the Merritt brothers before the Stanley committee, in which they charged fraud and misrepresentation by Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Gates in connection with the Lake Superior Consolidated iron mines and that they were deprived of their interest in that company by means of a loan made them by Mr. Rockefeller of \$420,000, which he called during the trial of 1895, all of which statements were denied under oath in the United States court at the trial of the litigation in 1895, it would be absurd to try in the newspapers at this late date the issues in that case, but it is significant that upon the settlement, which was made at the close of that litigation, both Alfred and Leonidas Merritt, the two who testified before the Stanley committee, together with all the other members of the family, gave Mr. Rockefeller the following paper:

"Certain matters of difference have existed between the undersigned and Mr. John D. Rockefeller and a court litigation has been pending between the undersigned, Alfred Merritt and Mr. Rockefeller, in which litigation it was claimed that certain misrepresentations were made by Mr. Rockefeller and those acting for him concerning certain properties sold by him to the Lake Superior Consolidated iron mines. It is hereby declared that from recent independent investigations made by us or under direction we have become satisfied that no misrepresentation was made nor fraud committed by Mr. Rockefeller or by his agents or attorneys for him, upon the sale by him of any property to us or any of us, or to the Lake Superior Consolidated iron mines, or upon the purchase by him from one or more of us of any stocks or interests in any mining or railway company or companies, or upon the pledge by us, or either of us, to him of stocks and securities belonging to one or more of us; and we hereby withdraw all such charges and claims and exonerate Mr. Rockefeller and his agents and attorneys therefrom.

"Duluth, Minn., January 22, 1897. In the presence of Merritt M. Clark, Joseph R. Cotton, (Signed) Alfred Merritt, Jane Merritt, Leonidas Merritt, Elizabeth E. Merritt, Andrus R. Merritt, Elizabeth D. Merritt, Lillian Merritt, May I. Merritt, John Merritt, Etta Merritt, Wilbur Merritt, Ida M. Merritt.

"Andrus R. Merritt, a surviving partner of the late firm of C. C. and A. R. Merritt, as administrator of estate of Casius C. Merritt (deceased), Napoleon E. Merritt, Matilda Merritt, Eugene T. Merritt, Anna Merritt, Thomas A. Merritt, Jennie S. Merritt.

"Facts Regarding Loan"  
The facts with regard to the loan were as follows:

"The loans, aggregating \$420,000, were made by Mr. Rockefeller in various amounts during the summer of 1893. Mr. Rockefeller never called these loans in January, 1894, the Merritt brothers, being pressed by other creditors, applied to Mr. Rockefeller for further assistance. Instead of calling his loan, as they charge, he furnished them an additional sum of \$450,000. They sold him 90,000 shares of stock at \$10 a share, amounting to \$900,000. The several members of the family contributing different proportions. For one-half of this, more than enough to cover his loan to them, he gave to each of them an option to repurchase in a year at the price that they had sold to him with 6 per cent interest.

"Prior to the expiration of the year Alfred Merritt, one of the brothers who testified before the committee, brought Merritt, another brother and nephew, at the expiration of the option, applied for an extension of it on their stock, which was given, and they subsequently took back their stock, amounting to 10,000 shares, and on the formation of the steel corporation sold it to that company."

## SIXTY DIE WHEN TRAIN PLUNGES INTO TORRENT

### Bridge in France Breaks and Passengers Drown in the River Thouet

SAMUR, France, Nov. 23.—Sixty passengers, it is estimated, lost their lives through the plunging of a train into the river Thouet today, owing to the breakdown of a bridge on the state railway at Montreuil-Belay, in the department of the Maine-et-Loire.

The train, which had started from Angers, was traveling to Poitiers. It contained about 100 passengers. While it was crossing the bridge over the Thouet the structure, weakened by recent floods, broke, crashing with the cars into the swollen stream.

Many of the passengers who got out of the cars through the windows tried to save themselves by clinging to the tops of trees which showed above the water. In most cases, however, they were quickly washed away.

Three of the cars were submerged, but the roof of a fourth car is still visible above the surface. Eleven persons, including some children, are clinging to this and thousands of spectators line the banks watching them, but unable to render aid.

All the boats in the vicinity had been carried off by the inundations, so that it was impossible for the people of the neighborhood to assist much in the work of rescue.

A total of 20 bodies have been taken from the river. As the exact number of passengers in the submerged cars is unknown, it is impossible officially to estimate the total number of dead. Soldiers, engineers and firemen have been hurried to the scene to aid in the rescue work.

## MOTHERS' PENSION ACT COST CAUSES DISPUTE

### Chicago Officials Disagree on Estimates of Amount

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 23.—Judge Merritt W. Pinkley of the juvenile court believes County Agent Joseph Meyer unduly alarmed over the cost to Cook county in obeying the mothers' pension act. The judge said the agent's estimate of from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 expense annually is excessive. The jurist declines to predict the yearly expenditure, but said that Cook county can well afford to contribute \$120,000 annually to prevent children from becoming delinquent and criminal.

Announcement was made by the county agent that he would be compelled to ask an appropriation of \$250,000 to provide for payments under the pension act alone. The total appropriation for his office last year was \$200,000 and he will need this amount for expenditures outside of payments on the pension act again this year.

The request for the \$250,000 additional appropriation will bring the question of meeting demands imposed by the new law squarely before the county board.

## SEEDLESS LEMONS ARE COMMONPLACE IN YUBA

### Luther Ashley Has Grown Them for Several Years

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

YUBA CITY, Nov. 23.—The seedless lemon, of which so much has been said in the press lately, following a statement by government men that the only known fruit of this kind is growing in Rialto, in southern California, is not at all new here. Luther Ashley of this place has a tree that has borne seedless lemons for a number of years.

Last September he set 50 buds from this tree on three orange trees and they are all alive. He has also distributed a good many of the buds to friends and neighbors, so the seedless lemon is quite common in this county.

When he got the tree it was labeled the "Eureka Everbearer." At present it has ripe and green fruit and blossoms on its limbs.

## 2,000,000 APPLES ON DISPLAY IN SPOKANE

### Fourth Exhibition Opens With Whistles' Shrieks

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 23.—Factory whistles shrieking in concert at 10 o'clock this morning formally announced the opening of the fourth national apple show. For one week close to 2,000,000 apples will be on display and the Enakops carnival will provide parades, concerts and spectacles. The country life congress, which began today, will continue in session until Wednesday.

The central feature of today's celebration was the opening and dedication of the \$500,000 concrete bridge over the lower falls of the Spokane river. The bridge is credited with having the longest concrete arch in the world—351 feet. Tonight King Apple was crowned.

## ROGERS GIVES UP GOODMAN GEMS Woman Caught With Ring Reveals Cache

Hazel Smith, who informed detectives that John S. Rogers had jewelry taken from Benjamin Goodman.



## TRAPPED, HE ACCUSES OTHERS

### Fellow Workers in Produce Store Blamed for Killing of Jewelry Salesman

### LIE PASSED IN JAIL WHEN PRISONERS MEET

### Concealment of Jewelry Attributed to Innocent Service for Friends

SLOWLY, bit by bit, the detectives are weaving the warp of guilt about John S. Rogers, the young produce store employe who is held at the city prison on suspicion of being the man who brutally killed Benjamin Goodman, the jewelry salesman, in the basement of the shop of the San Francisco Produce company at Orgeon and Front streets Saturday night.

The stout protestations of innocence that Rogers had made defiantly since his arrest Wednesday were shattered yesterday afternoon, when Hazel Smith, his consort, broke down in the office of Captain of Detectives Wall and acknowledged that Rogers had the jewels stolen from Goodman.

Rogers wept last night when questioned by the detectives.

Weeping, and denying any part in the crime or any knowledge of it, the woman told the detectives that Rogers rented a safe deposit box in the Stockton saloon, at 419 Kearny street, Saturday night and deposited the valuables in it.

### Rogers Restores Jewels

Rogers was confronted with this admission, and he laughed confidently, telling the detectives that he did not believe the girl had said any such thing. When convinced that the girl had made the statement, he agreed to go with the detectives to the produce store and the scene of the crime and take the key from its hiding place and open the safe deposit box.

In this way nearly all of the jewelry belonging to E. T. Brilliant, for whom Goodman worked, was recovered. Only four rings were missing.

A diamond ring that adorned the hand of the Smith woman was Rogers' undoing. She was wearing the solitary stone when Detectives Mackey and Conlon took her into custody in Rogers' room yesterday afternoon.

When first questioned about the crime she professed absolute ignorance of any feature of it and maintained this attitude until she was taken before Chief of Police White, Captains of Detectives Wall and Ryan and several plainclothes men.

### Ring Brings Out Story

"Where did you get that ring on your finger, Miss Smith?" Mackey asked.

The woman hid her hand beneath her handkerchief and her head drooped. She tried to take the ring off. Mackey told her that she could make no mistake in telling the truth and reluctantly she agreed to give the police the information she possessed.

"I have been with Rogers for about 10 months," she said, "and during that time we have lived moderately on the salary of \$20 a week that he received at the produce house. I never had any jewelry, and he often said that he would like to see me with nice things like other girls.

"Last Saturday night he came home at a little past 6 o'clock. He was just the same as he always had been, only

## BRYAN FINDS FAULT WITH CHAMP CLARK

### Commoner Declares That Pro- gressive Majority in Con- gress Lacks Leadership

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 23.—Speaker Champ Clark is unequal to the task of acting as the democratic house leader, in the opinion of W. J. Bryan, who, in an article in the forthcoming issue of the Commoner, says:

"There is a progressive majority in congress, but it lacks leadership. Speaker Clark is the one of whom leadership was expected, but his usefulness in that capacity is being impaired, partly by fear that he will be accused of imitating Cannon and partly by the mistaken idea that it is his special mission to preserve harmony among the democrats in the house. In both cases he errs.

"The progressive element in the party must have leadership in the house. If the speaker refuses to lead, some one should be selected to marshal the reform forces and lead the fight. Mr. Underwood has gained undue prominence because he has been allowed to speak for the democratic majority. He has led the party into surrenders which embarrass it. He is the head of the reactionary element of the party, the man whom the progressive leaders will have to oppose.

"Who will lead? Mr. Clark is, so far as is known, right on all public questions. Will he step forward and order a charge or will he act as umpire and watch the fight?

"If Mr. Clark had exhibited as speaker the qualities of leadership that made him speaker, he would now be without a rival in the race for the presidential nomination."

## FARRAR FLEES FAR TO ESCAPE SCANDAL

### Rector Is Reported on Way to Canada; Public Inquiry Forestalled

[Special Cable to The Call]

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The scandal that culminated in the dismissal of Rev. Frederick Percival Farrar from his high position as domestic chaplain to King George and honorary chaplain dowager to Queen Alexandra is of such a character that it can only be whispered. He has disappeared. There is a rumor that he has gone to Canada under an assumed name. The deepest sympathy is felt for his wife.

Inquiries at Sandringham have elicited the fact that painful reports have been in circulation there respecting Rector Farrar. They commenced shortly after his appointment and they have been revived ever since his marriage.

There will be no public investigation. The matter will be hushed up, as is the usual policy of the authorities in such cases, unless Farrar declines to resign the rectorship. In this event the decision of an ecclesiastical court would be needed in order to dispossess him.

Queen Alexandra, who had great faith in the rector's piety, feels the scandal acutely, as do all the royal family, with whom he was very popular.

### Early Love Recalled

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A correspondent, who signs only his initials, has written a communication to the World, stating that Chaplain Farrar years ago fell in love with a young woman of obscure position.

The idea of marrying her could not be carried out unless he resigned his appointment at court. He succumbed to the fatal temptation of maintaining the attachment without a marriage. The irregularities of Farrar's life were known to King Edward, who was above everything else a man of the world, whose insight into human nature made him realize the futility of expecting a Spartan existence from Farrar.

## AVIATOR COOK ENTERED IN RACE WITH TRAIN

### Course From Stockton to Lodi Along Electric Line

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Nov. 23.—Weldon R. Cook, who is a former resident of Lockeford, this county, will fly an aeroplane tomorrow in a race with a Central California Traction company interurban train.

The course will be from Stockton to Lodi, a distance of 14 miles. Cook will ride in a machine made by a boatman at Antloch. He will start from Oak park at 10 o'clock and will circle over the electric train so as to get an even start. He says he has made 60 miles an hour. The interurban cars have a speed of 50 miles.

After reaching Lodi Cook will fly to the home of his parents in Lockeford.



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